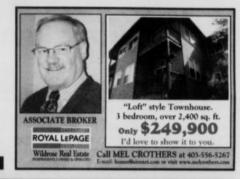
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HIGH FLYING - Dylan McMorran of Medicine Hat performs an aerial stunt during a freestyle moto cross performance at the 22nd Annual Didsbury Show and Shine on May 10. On top of the over 220 vehicles registered for the event, crowds were treated to a moto cross show, a 100 foot shoot-out, live music and trials bike riders. For more see page 4.

Provincial measles outbreak being monitored

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

While an outbreak of measles across the province has health officials on high alert, it hasn't caused any concern locally thus far.

There have been 24 confirmed cases of the viral infection across the province since the start of the year, including nine in Calgary and seven in Alberta Health Services' which central zone, includes Red Deer and Olds. While the infection is much more contagious than the common cold - and can lead to severe complications, including pneumonia or brain swelling - it is preventable for those who have had two

vaccinations against the condition.

"We haven't had anybody express any con-cern to us at all," said Carolyn Massel, principal of Westglen School.

The school did make a point, however, of including a note about the outbreak from the Didsbury Health Unit in its May newsletter.

"We have NOT had a case of measles reported in our area yet," the note read. "The biggest difference ... is that we ARE now considered to be in the outbreak area.

The note went on to explain that people experiencing symptoms should stay home, not visit any clinic or hospital and avoid contact with

Symptoms include high fever, a runny nose and a hacking cough. Lymph nodes in the neck may swell, and some people may also get white spots inside the mouth and a red blotchy rash beginning behind the ears and spreading downs over the entire body. downward

Dr. Judy MacDonald, the medical officer of health for the Calgary zone, said all of the cases reported in the Calgary zone have been within city limits. The last case was reported on April 26.

MacDonald said the recent spike in cases in Alberta since the start of 2014 indicates that there are outbreaks of the condition globally and people

travelling may be bringing the condition with them. Between 2000 and the end of 2013 the Calgary health region had a total of 20

"Measles used to be a very common childhood illness before we had vaccine to prevent it. There are people in our population that either have chosen not to be immunized or not to immunize their children or in some cases people can not safely receive the vaccine. Because measles is so infectious ... if somebody develops measles and they're out in the public, they can certainly infect people that are not immune," she said.

People who are infected are contagious any

time up to four days after the rash appears. But MacDonald said the problem occurs before people who are infected realize they are infected and go about their daily activities precisely at the time when they are at the peak of contagiousness.

"They have unknow-ingly and probably not intentionally, exposed others when they've been out and about before they even knew that they had measles," she said.

MacDonald said the broader public health implications of the outbreak are that health officials are redoubling their efforts for people born in 1970 or after to get the two vaccinations to ensure they are protected.

Another task of public health professionals is to follow up with anyone who may have come in contact with an infec-tious person to ensure that those exposed to the virus are immune. If they are not immune, health officials inform those exposed to the virus of the steps they need to take in ca they become infected, which are to stay home, avoid venturing out to public spaces, get plenty of rest and drink a lot of fluids.

"When we've got a case (there is) lots of work to follow up on with those exposed and how to prevent further spread of the disease," she said.



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Grass fire extinguished, no property damage

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

A grass fire was successfully contained and subdued following the action of Carstairs, Didsbury and Olds firefighters, say officials.

Carstairs firefighters were dispatched first, before noon on Wednesday, May 7, before asking the other departments for assistance on a piece of farmland located south of Secondary Highway 581, on Two Rd 284

Colton Donhauser, a Carstairs firefighter who was the officer in command at the scene, said the fire started from a permitted, controlled burn that had previously been completed.

"From what I gather, it was an old burn pile that had been there previous," said Donhauser. He noted the current and recent weather condi-

tions were the biggest challenge in extinguishing the

"You know even though it's been dry, it's still been really wet in a lot of places, so there were some places we just couldn't get into the fields."

The wind also kept changing directions, so the firefighters would stop a fire in one spot, then the wind would change and the fire would start up again in another spot, he said.

"So we were able to get in there with the bush buggy only and just ripped around and hit the hot spots and got those knocked out," he noted.

No property was damaged by the fire other than the stubble field, he added.

Carstairs sent out a bush buggy, a pump and a sup-port vehicle, whereas Didsbury sent a tender, bush buggy and pump, and Olds sent a bush buggy, he

Donhauser added he was somewhat nervous going out, because the dispatcher had noted there was a

wellhead on site, he said.
"Originally when it came in, it came in as a gras fire and there was a wellhead on location. So that was a worry in the back of my mind."

But the fire didn't get close to the pump, he said.

"With the wind swirling it kind of slowed it down for us. We were able to keep it contained to that one stubble field and it was good."

He added that he was thankful Olds and Didsbury firefighters came out to help.

"We worked well together so it was good."



Two firefighters use brooms to stifle the fire before it grows too large to handle.

Didsbury woman falls prey to scam

RCMP Didsbury report that a local woman was scammed out of \$300 on May 2 when she allowed a person who phoned her claiming to be from Telus, remote access to her computer to repair a problem. The vic-tim granted the caller access to her computer. Once the fraudster gained access to her computer they then asked for credit card

Police briefs

information. which was also granted. The fraudster placed a \$300 charge on her credit card.

Clint Gulash reminds people to not give anyone remote access to computers, especially over the phone. Once fraudsters have remote access to a computer, they can steal sensitive personal or financial information. And Gulash said phoning a company after the fact (in the case above, Telus) will reveal whether or not suspicious activity was in fact legitimate. If the person who answers the phone from a given company has no knowledge of the situation in question, then the original phone call was a scam.

Gulash said even

legitimate charges to credit cards can sometimes look peculiar, such as when a service or product purchased from a company is billed as a numbered or differently-named company on a credit card statement. He said Googling the company on the credit card statement will reveal the different name it uses to market its product or service, reveal-ing the legitimacy of the charge.

"It always pays to research things," he

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Students conduct annual May Monarch campaign



MVP Staff

Students Didsbury High School were busy last week out in the community doing work projects for the school's annual May Monarch program.

The campaign kicked off on May 7 with about a dozen students join-ing the community's cemetery committee in cleaning headstones at the cemetery. Each year students do odd jobs around the community, earning money to go toward purchases students identify at the school like extra costs for extracurricular activities that aren't covered in the school's budget and extra costs at each vear's graduation ceremony

Garth Dagg. the school's principal, said the program has been a long-standing tradition at the school and saves students from having to

solicit money from busifor projects that occur throughout the year.

In 2013, \$23,800 was earned by students and was spent on picstudents nic tables on the school grounds, theatre lights for school productions and a stained glass art project at the school. A total of 25 per cent of the money earned each year by the non-graduating grades is set aside for their own graduation ceremony in the future

If extra money is left over from purchases. is carried forward to

future years. "Rather than having students go knock on business doors and say, can you give us a donation for grad, a donation for athletics...' the idea of May Monarch is that the (students) would go out and work in the community and in exchange raise money for ... stu-dent activities. So the concept is great," Dagg

of the spring cleanup jobs that peo-ple need done, people call the school and our kids go out and do that work," he said.

While Dagg said the idea is for all students to participate, not everyone does. To encourage more participation, it's run as a competition between

each of the grades.

Dagg said the larger benefit to the students beyond purchasing items for the school is that they get a chance to work in the community for the benefit of all students.

"We find so many stu-dents now that are looking for job references and applying for scholar-ships. A big part of that what are you doing in your community?' A good part of that is students have an opportu-nity to volunteer and do something for something beyond themselves," he said, adding that community members also ben

efit by seeing students as contributing members of the community. Zoie Waiting, a Grade 9

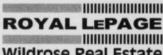
student who helped clean headstones at the cem-etery on May 7, said she thought the work was valuable for the students. work was

"It raises a lot money and it helps kids not have to pay so much for their grad," she said.

In addition to her work at the cemetery, Waiting also planned on assisting with rock picking and taking down a barbedwire fence during the four-day campaign last

Tesia Runnett, a Grade 9 student at DHS, was one of about a dozen students who helped clean headstones at the Didsbury cemetery last week during the school's annual May Monarch campaign.





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What would you do had more time



Despite weather, crowds come out for show and shine

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Despite a weather-shortened show and and shine on May 10, plenty of people showed up for the events that did take place earlier in the day.

There were a total of 220 cars registered for the event but many more than that actually participated, as 20th Street was lined on both sides from 17th all the way to 22nd Avenue and on both

sides of 19th Avenue at 20th Street. There were also about 80 motorbikes on display. Crowds were especially drawn to the aerial stunt motorcycles led by Didsbury's own Billy Kohut. The 100-foot shootout on 19th Street was also popular with the crowds.

Participants that the Review talked to during the event said they enjoy coming to the Didsbury event each year.

Flynn, Alan

drove from Edmonton to show off his 1972 Chevy Chevelle, said he always enjoys coming to Didsbury. It was his third time at the show and shine.

"Best car show I've ever been to. It's got everything. The atmo-sphere is just tremen-dous. Top-notch," he said.

Daryl Hamill, who drove his 1963 Ford Fairlane SC from Calgary to the show, said he is continually

impressed with the different types of vehicles that come to Didsbury. This was his seventh time at the show and shine.

"It's great. It's neat to see the diversity that comes here. It's a fun day," he said, adding that in the time he's been coming to the show, he's seen it grow.

"Every year they come up with a better (pro-gram)," he said.

Hamill said Alberta is getting more excellent shows all the time. He's driven the Fairlane to Minneapolis, Minn., for a big show there six times.

Gil Ehns, president of the Didsbury Car Club, said he was happy the show went as well as it did.

"Considering what (the weather) was like and the forecast, it was fan-tastic. We had a really good turnout. I was really impressed with the amount of people (par-ticipating with) the cars and the motorcycles. I

was pleasantly surprised at how many showed up," he said following the event.

Ehns said members of the DCC will meet on May 14 to discuss how the event went and how they might be able to improve

on it for next year.
"We like to have a meeting right after so that everything is fresh in everybody's mind we can put it all together for next year," he said.



A Chevrolet Corvette passes under a sign for the 22nd Annual Didsbury Show and Shine on May 10.



Attendees make their way down 21st Street while browsing through the vehicles on display.



Glenn Dyck of Carstairs, left, in a Cobra kit car races Tom Taylor of Carstairs in a 2008 Dodge Some of the many vehicles on display on 21st Street. Challenger Srt-8.



Noel West/MVP Staff Dylan McMorran of Medicine Hat performs an aerial stunt







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The RCMP - Much more than policing!

Canada's national police force is the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and what better time to learn more about who they are and what they do than during National Police Week, May 12 to 16. While today's "Mounties" still work to "always get their man", to do so requires so much more than when the RCMP was created back in 1873.

Originally, the RCMP provided general law enforcement for early settlers in Canada, with a role that varied from establishing peaceful relationships between settlers and the First Nations, to fighting fires if the need arose. These officers also established their presence internationally during numerous rebellions and wars. The first women police members were signed on about 100 years after the organization was formed, but are now a vital part of RCMP operations.

In fact, the RCMP continues to grow as its role becomes even more challenging with today's technological advances. The use of technology has generated a new wave of criminal activity, and one branch of the RCMP's National Police Services deals specifically with crimes such as identity theft or sex offences, and provides services related to security, audio and video analysis, and co-ordination of investigations between all police services in Canada.

Other branches deal with firearms, education, information, intelligence, forensic laboratories, identification networks and child exploitation. The RCMP's major areas of focus include organized crime, terrorism, youth, aboriginal communities and economic integrity.

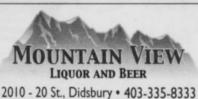
On a more local level, RCMP officers still provide everyday policing in areas not served by provincial or municipal police services. They also provide extra support to provinces and municipalities when needed.





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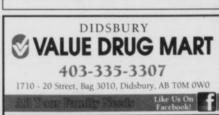
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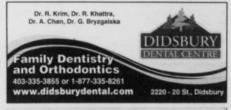






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Editorial

Education consultations have high stakes

The provincial government has announced plans to seek public input over the next month into the future of teaching in Alberta.



Parents and other interested parties are being asked to comment on the recommendations of the Task Force for Teaching Excellence, with the end goal, according to the government, of ensuring high-quality education for current and future students everywhere.

As one of the province's most expensive departments, education and its future are, of course, of interest to all ratepayers.

As such, residents in West Central Alberta are encouraged to take part in this latest consultation process, and hopefully the government will take the input provided to heart.

The taskforce, which was made up of a variety of stakeholders, including teachers and parents, gathered input over the past two months through online surveys and regional consultations in 14 communities.

It has made a total of 25 recommendations, focused on three principal areas: teachers, leadership and the education system.

One recommendation is that the province consider introducing a mandatory one-year paid internship/ articling program for all beginning teachers on completion of a teacher preparation program.

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A second recommendation calls for the introduction of a provincewide mentorship framework to support teachers in the first three to five years of their careers.

A third recommendation is that the Ministry of Education "introduce a system of maintenance of certification for teachers to ensure career-long professional growth, currency and competency. Evaluation for the purposes of maintenance of certification would occur every five years."

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) says the

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) says the introduction of a system of maintenance of certification for teachers would be way out of line.

"Teachers are under scrutiny on an ongoing basis by both parents, teachers, and principals," ATA president Mark Ramsankar reportedly said. "Teachers have to measure up to the teaching quality standards."

He called the system of maintenance of certification recommendation a "direct assault" on Alberta teachers.

Obviously any government hopes that the taskforce's recommendations would be universally accepted have already come to naught.

"Our government is committed to teaching excellence unrivalled anywhere in Canada," said Education Minister Johnson, who called the task-force's suggestions "bold, forward looking recommendations (that) reflect our determination to ensure that Alberta remains in the top echelon of education systems anywhere in the world."

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Alberta families will be watching closely to ensure the PC government keeps its promises to the province's students and their great teachers.

ince's students and their great teachers.

And if that ultimately requires the rejection of some or all of this taskforce's recommendations, then so be it.

Opinion



Commentary

Government spending costing future generations

BY CHARLES LAMMAM, HUGH MACINTYRE AND MILAGROS PALACIOS

Receiving a credit card bill that totalled \$243,476 would no doubt be a shock for most Canadians. But if you add up all the liabilities of every Canadian government - federal, provincial, and local - that is in fact how much each taxpayer would owe of the \$4.1 trillion total in direct debt and unfunded liabilities.

This admittedly is a very large number and much bigger than what is usually talked about by both politicans and pundits alike. So let's deconstruct it to gain a better understanding

All too often the public discourse about government liabilities focuses solely on money directly borrowed by governments - so-called "direct debt." With the federal and most provincial governments returning to deficit spending in recent years and borrowing a lot of money, direct debt has re-emerged as an important issue. But direct debt is just the tip of the liability iceberg, representing less than one third of all government liabilities.

As of 2011/12, the combined net direct debt of the federal, provincial, and local governments totalled \$1.2 trillion. Direct debt alone translates into a \$71,901 bill for every Canadian income taxpayer. Although not the largest component of total government liabilities, direct debt has important consequences.

important consequences.
Governments, like families, have to pay interest on the money they borrow. And these payments aren't insignificant. All levels of government combined to pay \$62.3 billion in interest payments in 2011/12. That represents 10 per cent of total government revenue in the same year. In other words, for every dollar col-

lected by Canadian governments, 10 cents went to paying interest on direct debt. That's money not used for programs that Canadians care about like healthcare, education, and social services or other important priorities like tax relief.

Over time the borrowed money (including principal) must be paid back so direct debt is basically a deferred tax bill. That means future taxpayers - today's young Canadians - will partly pay for current deficit spending.

The burden on the next generation of taxpayers is much greater when we account for the unfunded liabilities of government programs. In addition to direct debt, Canadian governments have committed themselves to providing programs that are not fully funded. That is, they have promised to provide a host of programs which current tax rates leave unfunded.

Three such programs with large unfunded liabilities are the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS), and Canada's public healthcare system.

When these programs were designed around a half century ago, the assumption was that demographic and economic trends of the time would continue. The idea was to tax a relatively large cohort of younger workers to pay for the benefits of a relatively small number of elderly.

The demographic assumptions turned out to be false. In 1956, only 7.7 per cent of Canadians were over 65 years old. That proportion doubled to 15.3 per cent in 2013 and is expected to increase further to 25.4 per cent by 2061.

Put simply, the aging of Canada's population has resulted in large and growing unfunded liabilities. The funding shortfall is estimated at \$792.3 billion for the CPP, \$494.4

billion for OAS, and \$894.7 billion for medicare. Together the unfunded liabilities in Canada's public pensions and healthcare programs total \$2.2 trillion or \$134,841 for each income taxpayer.

These unfunded program obligations make up more than half of total government liabilities. And their sheer size calls into question the structure of taxing current workers to provide benefits for retirees. Ultimately, to maintain current levels of spending in the future, taxes will have to increase or benefits for other programs will have to be cut - or both.

To its credit, the federal government recently announced changes to OAS benefits including a phased-in increase to the eligibility age from 65 to 67 starting in 2023. The trouble with this reform, however, is that it is too timid as a large unfunded liability remains. Consider that the current age for accessing OAS benefits would be 74 had the eligibility age increased in lock-step with life expectancy since 1966.

Bolder reforms are needed not only for OAS but also the CPP and medicare to restructure programs in a way that accounts for demographic changes in Canada.

Along with restructuring program obligations, governments must make balancing their budgets a more immediate priority. Otherwise, the annual deficits currently planned for the future will simply add to the existing stock of government liabilities. If action is not taken, young Canadians will be stuck carrying the bill.

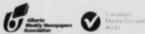
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Didsbury players selected for provincial in-line teams

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Four local in-line hockey players have been selected for three separate provincial teams that will travel to Fort Wayne, Ind. for a large North American tournament in July and August.

Noah Campbell, Brodie Dunn, Jack Holdstock and Tanner Ruby were selected for the teams at a tryout camp on May 4 at the Collicutt Centre in Red Deer. Two other players on the Didsbury Renegades, Cash and Cole DeDominicis, from Airdrie, were also selected to represent Alberta.

exciting for said Didsbury," said Renegades manager Zoe Holdstock. "The volun-teers that coach, they're producing a high calibre of player.

Coming from a population of 5,000 people, four of the kids are from Didsbury. Those are pretty good odds. Some of those teams are really

These are the kids that have that extra drive and skill to go and play at a national level," added added Ryan Sloan, president of the Didsbury Renegades.

The members of the Renegades range in age from 10 to 13.

The Renegades have been operating for the past five years, but because it is the only local organization, it travels to tournaments primarily in Red Deer, Edmonton and Calgary to play games. The teams practise twice a week. The Renegades started out with only seven players five years ago, but now boast about 70 in five different teams ranging in age from five to 14 years old. The Didsbury teams draw players from around the area.

"(In-line) is definitely growing. It's very big in Edmonton," Holdstock

Sloan, who also coaches one of the teams, said the sport is an excellent way to develop skills for



DEFENDING - Ronnie Burrell (in foreground) defends against the U16 Carstairs attack during a Big Country Soccer Association game at the Didsbury High School field on May 7, while Aimee Davies and goalkeeper Mikaela Manser provide defensive support. The Carstairs squad defeated Didsbury 3-0.

winter game, as the skating stride is the same. The game is a fast-paced, on-four contest with no offsides or icings.

"Because there's no offsides, it's much faster. There's no stoppages other than penalties and a goal. It's a huge passing game because everything is so spread out," he said.

The Renegades In-line

will be at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on June 7 and 8 and feature four teams in each of four age categories. The tournament is sanctioned by

the Alberta Minor Roller

Hockey Association.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the athletes travelling to the U.S. may contact Holdstock via email at zoe72sam@ shaw.ca



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Mental Heath First Aid - June 5, 6 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. \$50.00 per person. First Aid Recertification - June 6 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Train Station. \$95.00 + GST for ages 15 +. Proof of First Aid is required when registering as expiry

Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403-335-8719 to register.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 14-28

31 Meadowview Court

Accessory Building (detached garage) - w/conditions

R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 – 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 12:00 pm on May 27, 2014.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

Paul Frey/MVP Staff GOOD DEED - Coun. Kimberley Moore joins members of the cemetery improvement committee and Didsbury High School students on May 7 as they clean headstones at the Didsbury cemetery. The committee is slowly making improve-ments to the cemetery as funds allow, and will soon be unveiling a new sign at the cemetery.



AROUND TOWN

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May 14, 21, 28, 23

untain View Bridge Club – duplicate bridge every Wednesday ng at 7 pm. At the Masonic Hall. Phone Don 335-3019 for

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast. 9:30 to 11:30 at Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym. 1500 23 St. Didsbury. 46 per person. Free babysitting. Special Feature: Deborah Pattern presents on Creative Container Gardening. Special Speaker: Dorothy Sessa "Worthless to Priceless". Special Music: Debi Hooper and Julie Poffenroth. For reservations please call Ann 403 335-8444.

May 14

Five-0-Club welcomes everyone to their potluck on Wedne ay 14th at 12:30. Bring your favourite dish.

May 22

"Grow Local. Eat Well" Growers Faire at the Didsbury Library. Meet local producers to find out about their operations as well as learn about the Didsbury Community Garden program and how to create Fairy Gardens. Thursday, May 22 from to 8 pm at the Library.

May 23

Friends of Aspen Strawberry Tea & Bake Sale on Friday, May 23 at 2:00 pm at Aspen Ridge Lodge. \$3 entry. Come one, come

Word in the West Literacy Fest. Libraries in Mtn. View County hosting their annual family literacy festival on Friday, May 23 the County Building on Hwy. 2A.

May 24

Free Outdoor movie night at Redeemer Lutheran Church. "We Bought a Zoo" will be shown on the outside wall. Bring a friend and your own lawn chair. Popcorn will be provided. Movie starts at 8:30 p.m.

Country Critters 4-H - Garage & Bake Sale at Rosebud Hall from 10 am to 4 pm. For table rental or more information please call 335-6445 or 335-4606. Donations are gratefully accepted. Please support our kids!

May 26

Didsbury Addiction and Mental Health is hosting the third of a series of five 2-hour support group for clients from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Didsbury Hospital Mental Health Meeting Room. Cost is \$5. Please register by calling 403 335-7285. Maximum 8 members.

VIGITY 20
Coffee and Conversation at the museum from 1 to 3:30 pm on he 4th Wednesday of every month, Guest Speaker Jane Retsken Manager Botanic Gardens and Wetlands Treatment at Olds College. Jane will be sharing ideas for balcony/patio/container pardening as well as give a presentation on the new Botanical Gardens at Olds College.

Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre in Olds, are here locally to offer FREE support: pregnancy tests, parenting and post-abortion help, male mentorship and Steps to Sexual Health programs call 587-706-1611.

The Cemetery Interfaith Service will be held on Sunday June 1 at 2 pm at the Didsbury Cemetery. If inclement weather the Service will be held at the Multi Purpose Room. Bring a lawn

June 2

Didsbury Addiction and Mental Health is hosting supportion inversations – a two hour information session for those copie th a mental illness or who want to learn more. Week 3 /nderstanding and Managing Depression. Cost is \$1 px

Didsbury Museum Pie Social Saturday, June 7 from 1 to 4 pm. Come out for a visit and enjoy our tasty pies. \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members, 3 and under are free.

June 7

rry Museum Spring Plant Swap & Sale. Let's celebrate

June 7 and 8

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DHS students move on to provincial skills competition

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Two Didsbury High School students will be competing at the provincial Skills Canada com-petition in Edmonton on May 13 and 14 after qualifying at the region-al event in Red Deer on

Svendsen, Evan Grade 11 student and Jeremy Gerber, a Grade 10 student, finished the carpentry competition with a silver and bronze respectively from judg-es who critiqued each student's picnic table built from scratch at the event.

The two Didsbury students were among nine students from around Central Alberta who were given five hours and 30 minutes to complete the project after looking at the plans.

While the competitors were given a picture in advance, once they got to the competition site they were given more detailed building plans. A circular saw and two drills were provided for them at the competi-tion site but they had to bring all the rest of their own supplies such as hammers and safety

"I really enjoyed it. I competed last year in this and I never completed my project, which was my goal this year. That was the number 1 thing I was work-ing towards," Svendsen

The judges evaluated various aspects of the students' work, including working safely, using the tools proping working erly, not overusing the materials, and the over-all quality of the proj-

Since Svendsen hasn't been to the provincial competition before, he said he's unsure what to expect.

"My goal is to be able to finish my project within the time frame that I'm given," he said.

Gerber said he thought the regional competition was well organized.

'It was nice to put your skills to the test, be able to compete at something like that and move on, I guess is pret-ty neat."

Gerber, who attended the regional competi-tion for the first time May 1, said he is looking forward to the chance to improve his skills even further at the provincial competi-tion. He would also like to qualify for the national competition.

Evan Svendsen (at left) and Jeremy Gerber sit at the picnic table that Svendsen made at the recent Skills Canada competition in Red Deer. Both students advanced to compete at the provincial competition on May 13 and 14.





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ocal duo launches children's book at library

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Local author Maxine Spence and illustrator Lyndsay Wasko launched their children's book Down in the Jungle to a throng of supporters on May 10 at the Didsbury Municipal Library

The duo used a unique form of raising pledges from potential book buyers through the online medium of Kickstarter to raise the capital they needed to get the book printed in a little over one month.

The panic inspires bravery to reach out to

those you wouldn't normally reach out to. Also, you get more creative with your promoting. (I was) pulling out all the stops of my experiences to make it work," Wasko

Spence found out about two weeks into the month-long Kickstarter process that a newsletter she had been sending out to supporters since she published Leaf, an earlier book she wrote, was not getting to supporters for an unknown

"So there was a mad scramble to figure out why it wasn't working and what we could do to change it so that we could get the informa-tion to these people. people. And it was after that that there was a surge in Kickstarter pledges.

Both Spence and Wasko said they were grateful for the number of supporters that came out for the book launch.

Spence said she likewould not be using Kickstarter again for future projects because she isn't quite as com-fortable with social media and she believes it leaves too much of the control of whether book will be pub-



Lyndsay Wasko describes the process of making computer art during the book launch of Down in the Jungle on May 10 at the Didsbury Municipal Library. Wasko collaborated on the project with author Maxine Spence

lished out of her hands. she would try it again. She said artists must be fluent in social media to get their names out in the public and be able to generate a buzz about their art.

And once the money was in-hand, last-minute details had to be finalized to get the book to the printer so that it could come out by the launch date of May 10.

"The desire to deliver on time puts a lot of pressure on a person," Wasko said.

COW-A-BUNGA FAMILY DANCE

WHEN: Friday, June 6, 2014 WHERE: Ross Ford Elementary School

TIME: 6:00 to 8:30 pm WHAT: Silent auction, raffles, BBQ (hamburgers & hotdogs), beverages. Come, have fun.

ntrance: \$2 per person, \$5 per family (children must be accompanied by an adult)

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please contact the school at 403-335-3234 WHY: To raise money for an accessible playground structure that all children can enjoy.

The projected cost of the playground structure, the materials, labour, site preparation and equipment is approximately \$250,000.

We are close to having the money for the playground structure, however we need to secure donations of the materials for site preparation such as pea gravel, treated lumber, and concrete.

Can you help or do you know someone able to donate any of these items? Call us at 403-335-3234.

West Didsbury 4H

December was a busy month. The club adopted two hampers: the members th shopping for their adopted Grandma and Grandpa. We ended the month off by having our Christmas party and meeting out at the Bicker's. We ate lots of food and then played pool; Mr. Epp is quite the pool player. January started off with our bottle drive and then the Regional Multi judging competition in Olds. Our members did really well; for the Region Kaelan Epp got 3rd, Garret Crawford got 9th for the intermediates. Katie Crawford got 5th for the seniors and Reese Arthurs-Thompson got 4th for juniors. Public speaking took place on February 8th. In juniors Lane Arthurs-Thompson got 1st. and Reese Arthurs-Thompson got 2nd. In Intermediates Alexa Arthurs-Thompson got 1st, Garret Crawford got 2nd and Kaelan Epp got 3rd. In seniors Katle Crawford 1st. In Presentations Zack Caukill got 1st for seniors. Area public speaking was held on February 22 out at Eagle Hill. Katle Crawford took 2nd in seniors and Garret Crawford was alternate for intermediates. We had our farm tour on March 15; the animals are growing and are now starting to put down fat. Our senior member Katie is doing a clipping and showmanship clinic for the club in April. Anyone who is interested in buying some great 4H beef, our show and sale is on May 20 in Carstairs. For more information contact Vic Epp 403-540-6268 or Ross Bricker 403-815-9038.

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KRUGER, David 1953 - 2014

Mr. David Charles 'Dave' Kruger of Didsbury Alberta passed away at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre, Red Deer on Monday, May 2014 at the age of 60 years. Dave was born on September 2, 1953 at Fairview, Alberta. He worked

the Oilfield Industry and was employed with Peter Overwater Construction at Olds, Alberta. Dave had a passion for sports; he loved playing hockey and also refereed many games. He also enjoyed playing golf. Dave avidly cheered on his favorite teams, the Boston Bruins and the Calgary Stampeders. Although a rough and athletic man, Dave had a heart of gold and loved his family. He was known as the 'Greatest Uncle' ever to his adoring nieces and nephews. Dave truly loved them and they were his pride and joy. Dave will be lovingly remembered by his brothers and sisters; Deanna Overwater of Calgary, Alberta, Dennis (Bev) Kruger of Mission, British Columbia, Dorothea (Bruce) Sheppard of Red Deer, Alberta, Darcy (Zareena) Kruger of Calgary, Alberta and Doug (Judi) Kruger of Dallas, Texas. He will also be deeply missed by his cherished nieces, nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews, as well as many loyal friends. Dave was predeceased by his parents, Al and Rosemary Kruger and a brother-in-law, Eric Overwater. A Celebration of Dave's Life was held at Heartland Funeral Services, 5226 - 46 Street, Olds, Alberta on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. with The Reverend Gary Sinclair officiating. Dave was laid to rest with his parents at the Olds Cemetery, Olds, Alberta. If desired, Memorial Donations in Dave's honor may be made directly to the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre, Palliative Care Unit at www.albertahealthservices.ca. Condolences may be sent or viewed at www parklandfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements in care of Gordon R. Mathers, Funeral Director at Parkland Funeral Home and Crematorium, 6287 - 67 A Street (Taylor Drive), Red Deer. 403,340,4040 or 1.800,481,7421.

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Oshanek, Brenda Zmean (Perre), Valerie Massey (Rick) and Debbie McEwen (Terry). Frank will also be fondly remembered by his ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Frank was predeceased by his parents George and Hazel Hawthorne and his six brothers: Roland, Victor, Bob,

and his six brothers: Roland, Victor, Bob, Harvey, Jim and Gordon.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 10:00 am at Springfield Funeral Home, 2020 Springfield Road, Kelowna, BC. Please bring all your warm thoughts and memories to rejoice with all of the friends and family Frank loved so very much. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.springfieldfineralhome com by visiting www.springfieldfuneralhome.com. 250-860-7077.

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